



FULTON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MONTHLY MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

8:45 AM

1 EAST MONTGOMERY STREET, JOHNSTOWN, NY 12095

MINUTES

PRESENT:

- X Dave Rackmyre, Jr. Chairman (Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Stratford)
- X John Kessler Vice Chairman (Town of Mayfield)
- X James Anderson (City of Gloversville)
- X Mike Elmendorf (Town of Johnstown)
- X Peter Goderie (City of Johnstown & Farmer in Town of Perth and Mayfield)
- X Jerry Moore (Town of Mayfield)
- X Sheila Perry (Farmer, Town of Broadalbin)
- Jay Pierz (Town of Stratford)
- Vacancy
- X Colleen Ioele-DeCristofaro (Alternate, Supervisor – City of Johnstown)
- X Aaron Enfield, Senior Planner

AGENDA:

1. 239 Reviews:
 - City of Johnstown Planning Board – Expansion at FAGE in Johnstown Industrial Park
2. Review of New Membership: Frank Lauria
3. Other Business

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 am.

2. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve the October 2025 minutes

MADE BY: Sheila Perry

SECONDED: Peter Goderie

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: To approve the January 2026 minutes

MADE BY: Dave Rackmyre, Jr.

SECONDED: Peter Goderie

VOTE: Unanimous

NYS GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 239-M:

In accordance with New York State General Municipal Law §239-m, the following applications were forwarded to the County Planning Board for review:

A. City of Johnstown Planning Board – Expansion of FAGE USA DAIRY Industries:

The City of Johnstown Planning Board received an application for a Site Plan Amendment to add a 6368 sq ft addition to the existing receiving bays and a 1291 sq ft alcove, along with new storage silos consistent in size and appearance with the existing silos. Associated improvements include expanded asphalt pavement for truck access and circulation, utility modifications, and additional stormwater management to accommodate the addition's impervious surfaces.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Enfield stated that he has reached out to several municipal officers who want to discuss the project, as the application did not include any language about increasing truck traffic. He said he left several messages but has not received a response.

Mr. Anderson stated that NYS DOT is already aware of the increase in truck traffic, which rose to 60% instead of the ideal 20% when FAGE first appeared before the Planning Board.

MOTION: Recognizing that no regional impact would result from the addition to FAGE USA Dairy, the Fulton County Planning Board offered no recommendation.

MADE BY: John Kessler

SECONDED: James Anderson

VOTE: Unanimous

New Membership – Frank Lauria – City of Gloversville:

Until December 31, 2025, Frank Lauria served as the Planning Board Alternate, representing the City of Johnstown as a Supervisor. Prior to serving on the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Lauria served on the Gloversville Common Council, where he served as the liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board. He would like to join the Planning Board, as it has always been a great interest to him and would give him an opportunity to learn what is going on in Fulton County and how the Planning Board can make recommendations on these projects on a regional level.

DISCUSSION:

Planning Board members agreed that he would be a great fit for the vacant role and would serve as a liaison. The longest-serving members of the board indicated that they had served on the board before.

MOTION: To recommend Frank Lauria to fill the vacancy left by Walter Fitzgerald on the Fulton County Planning Board, whose terms expires on December 31, 2027, given his years of service as a Liaison on behalf of the Fulton County Board of Supervisors and as a Liaison to the Gloversville Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board, while serving as an elected official within the City.

MADE BY: Dave Rackmyre, Jr.

SECONDED: John Kessler

VOTE: Unanimous

Other Business:

Chairman:

Mr. Rackmyre stated that he did not find the conference as beneficial as in past years. He also stated that employees of Stewart’s Shop held one session in which they commented on Planning Board projects and issues when seeking project approval.

Fulton County Planning Department:

Mr. Enfield stated that he has been working with the County Attorney’s Office to update the Bylaws. He added that the County Attorney has added a section on Financial Disclosures.

Other:

Mr. Moore suggested adding language to the bylaws regarding communication via mail or email.

Close of Meeting:

MOTION: To close the meeting at 9:07 am

MADE BY: Jerry Moore
SECONDED: Peter Goderie
VOTE: Unanimous